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## Barnett Spy Case the Tip

The recent exposure of former CIA agent David Henry Barnett's sellout to the Soviet Union is but one chapter in a story of treachery that has shaken the American intelligence community in the past four years. And more revelations can be expected in coming months.

Besides Barnett, the public has already learned about three other Americans who sold secret documents to Soviet intelligence: William Kampiles, Andrew Lee and Christopher Boyce. The public has also been told about the reported death of the top American spy in the Kremlin — code-named Trigon — whose cover may have been blown by a White House official's careless remark at a Washington diplomatic party.

But what the public doesn't know is that a major spy scandal may be developing, its proportions unmatched since the exposes that rocked the country after World War II. The Justice Department is investigating several cases involving leaks of sensitive information to the Soviets by U.S. officials and private individuals.

Because more positive proof is needed, it would be unfair to name names. But here are the details, given to my associate Dale Van Atta by sources in the White House, the Justice Department and the intelligence agencies:

- Some Carter administration officials are under investigation by the Justice Department for suspected espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

One source said there are files on "least three" such cases, and there may be as many as half a dozen.

- Intelligence sources charge that high-level White House official recently blew the cover of a CIA agent who travels in an East European country. So far, the agent has not been warned that he has been compromised and that officials of the country he spies upon now know who and what he is.

- A ranking Romanian diplomat who defected last February has given CIA debriefers the details of a wide-ranging Soviet espionage operation based in the Romanian Embassy in Washington. Code-named "Liberty," the network was designed to penetrate the federal government at various levels. Each target had a code name: Congress was "Oregon," the White House was "Amazon" and the State Department, with sardonic Russian humor, was "Iowa." The Romanian diplomat had easy access to half a dozen Democratic senators and at least two Republican senators. More alarming, though, was the Romanian's identification of a former Senate staff member as a purveyor of intelligence to Romania. He was employed by a senior Democratic senator.

- Finally — and potentially more dangerous — is the Defense Intelligence Agency's concern that a Soviet "mole" may have penetrated to the highest levels of the U.S. government,

the Soviet underground nuclear test program occurred in 1978 toward testing increasingly higher-yield devices." The significance of this change lies in the fact that it occurred shortly after the United States secretly changed its method of measuring Soviet nuclear tests in such a way that the Russians could explode bigger bombs without violating existing treaties. DIA analysts decided this was "more than coincidence," and pointed to the hair-raising possibility that information about the new measuring system had been leaked to the Kremlin by one of the very few high U.S. officials who knew about it.

Added to the cases already made public in recent years, the investigations being pursued paint a grim picture of our nation's intelligence security. The Russians apparently have experienced little difficulty recruiting greedy or gullible Americans to provide military secrets the Kremlin wants.

And while Barnett was well paid for his treachery — \$92,000 — and Lee and Boyce collected more than \$80,000, the KGB doesn't spend more than it has to. It paid young Kampiles, for example, only \$3,100 for priceless data on the CIA's most advanced satellite surveillance system.